

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Each person is unique individually, with his or her ambition. Generally, the term "ambition" is meant as the strong desire to reach the success with much kind of ways, even with the wrong ways. Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary (1989: 34) (in Raharjo's Article, 2010) defined the "ambition" as strong desire to achieve something. The term "ambition" can also be defined as (1) the act of going about to solicit or obtain an office, or any other object of desire; canvassing, (2) An eager, and sometimes an inordinate, desire for preferment, honor, superiority, power, or the attainment of something, And (3) To seek after ambitiously or eagerly; to covet (<http://www.brainyquote.com/words/am/ambition129433.html>). The other opinion about the meaning of "ambition" is a motivation in oneself to improve a situation (<http://encyclopedia.laborlawtalk.com/ambition>).

As one of human's characteristics, ambition cannot be separated from the existence of human himself in this world. According to Kurtkilpatrick, one's ambition will exist if he has a strong desire to goals, and if he is willing to pay the price for whatever success that he desires to achieve (<http://www.kurtkilpatrick.com>). There are two aspects of ambition, they are they are ambition for position and personal ambition. The ambition for position

covers the opportunity to state the opinion or speak in the public space. While personal ambition involves the increase of salary and the comfortable and better condition of life (<http://www.youthspecialitics.com>).

There are many ways that a person does to show his ambition, such as working hard and studying hard, even doing the wrong way. A person tries hard to achieve his goal until he gets perfection of life or superiority. Besides that, a person wants to be better than before and to be the best one of the others. The person's goals encompass many aspects of life, such as politic, economic, social, culture, and so forth. On the other hand, without ambition, a person sometimes doesn't care whether all he does are right or wrong. He sometimes ignores about social conventions, norms, regulations, morals, and ethnics, even he does the dangerous things for other, such as hurting and killing the others. The most important thing is he will get satisfaction in life. A person sometimes does not realize that doing the inexact ways to fulfill his great ambition can be harmful for the others.

Ambitious characteristic is a phenomenon of life that deals with the psychological field, especially psychoanalytic. It is a study about human's existence in the world and all of his mentals and inner self problem, including attempting to reach superiority as compensation of his inferiority feeling.

Furthermore, literature has close relationship with psychology, especially psychoanalytic study. Literary work is defined as permanent writing, which expresses and communicates thoughts, feeling and attitudes toward life and world (William, 1965:16) Psychology obviously can illuminate the

creative process. As we seen, attention has been given to the varying methods of composition to the habits of authors in revising and novels are judge by us to be 'psychoanalytic' true. Sometimes psychological theory held either consciously by an author, seems to fit a figure or a situation (Wellek and Warren, 1956: 97).

Diary of wimpy kid 2 novel is released in February 1th, 2008. And the style of this novel is comedy, family (kid and teens). This novel opens with Greg (Zachary Gordon) and his family attend a party at a roller rink, he reunites with his best friend Rowley (Robert Capron) and classmates Fregley (Grayson Russell) and Chirag (Karan Brar). He meets Holly Hills (Peyton List), who immediately becomes his love interest. Greg's older brother Rodrick (Devon Bostick) tricks Greg into trying to skate with her and starts persuading violent teenagers to enter the rink. Their mother (Rachael Harris) and father (Steve Zahn) misunderstand and humiliate him by speaking to him on the speaker phone and carrying him off the rink. Afterwards, Mom has noticed that the boys haven't been getting along so she devises "Mom Bucks" to pay them if they spend time together where they can trade in for one real dollar, but this unwittingly makes thing worse. Meanwhile, Greg and Rowley try to make a funny YouTube video by Rowley lip-synching to "Tik Tok" by Kesha, unfortunately (despite Rowley at one point sitting on a tin foil ball with spikes made by Manny) it proves to be awful, getting only 4 hits. After a talent show is advertised on TV, the brothers see this as a big opportunity – Rowley

suggests that he and Greg perform magic tricks, but Greg rejects the idea whilst Rodrick sees this as his band's big break.

On Sunday, the Heffley family goes to church but Greg is extremely reluctant to go inside, as a melted 3 Musketeers chocolate bar, intentionally placed on his seat by Rodrick, and has stained his trousers. Greg's mom uses her blouse to cover up the stain, but the cover-up backfires when Rodrick exposes Greg's pants. The boys ultimately end up in a scuffle on the floor and as punishment; they are to spend a whole weekend together to bond, while their parents leave on to Rockin' Rapids. Against his parents' orders, Rodrick hosts a party at the house and locks Greg in the basement. Rowley comes to "save" Greg, but Rodrick locks him in the basement as well, until a call from their mother results in Rodrick letting the two out, in return for their silence on the matter. The next day, the two get a call from their mom, informing them that Manny is sick and they are returning early from their trip. The house is trashed, and the boys only have an hour to clean it up and erase all evidence of the party before their parents arrive home. When they see that one of the partygoers wrote on the bathroom door in permanent marker, they replace the door with a different one. Afterwards, Greg realizes that the new door does not have a lock, while the old one did. When their mother notices this, she confronts both boys individually. Greg confesses, but in order to prevent Rodrick from getting angry at him, he says the party was only a band rehearsal, and the two escape punishment. Rodrick thinks Greg denied everything, and the brothers become friends.

The boys go out for a night of fun, getting smoothies and pranking unsuspecting people. However, one prank goes too far and Coach Malone chases them into a mall. They escape by tricking him and return home laughing, only to find that their father has inadvertently come across photos of the party. Greg is grounded for two weeks with no video games, and Rodrick is grounded for a month and is not allowed to participate in the talent show. Greg tries to apologize but Rodrick only says that they are no longer friends. Then the boys spend the weekend with their grandfather in his retirement home. Greg writes his feelings about Holly in his diary, which Rodrick gets a hold of and reads out loud waking Greg up. Rodrick then threatens to tell Holly and runs towards the lobby to do so. Greg chases after Rodrick in his underwear and manages to snatch away the diary. He runs to the bathroom, rips out the pages of the diary, and flushes them down the toilet. He discovers he is in the ladies' bathroom, but manages to escape the mob of angry women who think he is a "peeping tom". However, he finds that Rodrick caught everything on tape via security camera and threatens to show it to everyone sooner or later.

At the talent show a few nights later, Rowley's performance is unable to take place, as his eight-year-old assistant Scotty gets stage fright. Greg's mom says Greg will do the show with Rowley, but Greg refuses, saying that he will look humiliated. When Rodrick goes to his band, Greg follows and watches Rodrick's band member, Bill Walter, kick him out of the band he created. Greg bargains with his mom to allow Rodrick to perform, if he will perform with Rowley, which his mom accepts. Rodrick thanks their mom, sees

Greg, and nods at him for letting him play. The magic show is a hit with the audience and Holly meets Greg and Rowley backstage to tell him she loved their show. However, Patty Farrel says it was "pathetic". Rodrick and his band perform but the crowd is not impressed until they see Greg's mom dancing, and start to dance along. Greg is happy for finally having fixed the problems with his family. Rodrick drives Greg to school, as the boys have now forgiven each other. Rodrick also gives him a tape containing that "embarrassing moment" at Leisure Towers. The boys then create a new friendship, realizing it is fun to have a brother. Later, Greg and Rowely put the video of the talent contest on YouTube and calls it "Lame Band with Crazy Mom Dancing" which becomes an instant hit. Rodrick shouts that Greg is "so dead" and the novel closes (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diary_of_a_Wimpy_Kid:_Rodrick_Rules%28novel%29.ch)

There are many kinds of novel which have psychoanalytic aspects. For example, *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* novel, written by Jeff Kinney. The writer wants to analyze the major character's personality and ambition of major character. Jeff Kinney is an English animator and film director originally from College Park, Maryland, The United States, in 1971 where he created a comic strip and He also created a website kids 'Poptropica' "Igdoof". Jeff Kinney is the author of America's talent is not limited to writing only. He was also a cartoonist designer, producer and games in addition to being the author of the bestselling Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

Jeff grew up in Fort Washington, Maryland, United States where he attended Bishop McNamara High School. As a child likes to read, Jeff enjoyable read books from authors such as Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, Piers Anthony, and JRR Tolkien. He continued his studies at the University of Maryland at College Park in the early 90's. It was during his student life at the University of Kinney generated ideas and create Igdoof, the famous comic strip that appeared in the campus newspaper, The Diamondback. The success Igdoof encourage Jeff decided to become a cartoonist.

In 1995 Kinney moved to New England. Jeff began working on *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* sometime during 1998, however, was not published until the spring of 2007. The second book of the Diary, a series of Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules came out in 2008 was followed by *Diary of a Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book* in the same year with a revised and expanded version in 2011. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* both got published in 2009. Like the 2009, Jeff published two more books from the series in 2010, entitled, *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth*. So far, the last book of the Diary, a series of *Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* came out in 2011. Series quickly gained popularity and reached the number one spot on the charts with a significant worldwide sales of 42 million copies by 2010.

Name of Jeff Kinney has also appeared in Time magazine list of the 100 Most Influential People in the world. He won the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book in 2009. This award is a testament to the huge popularity

among young readers Kinney because it was chosen by the children. Preparing for another book to come, Jeff Kinney has also worked as an online game developer and designer. In the middle of his creations are famous children Poptropica.com site. He lives in Plainville, Southern Massachusetts with his wife, Julie, and their two sons, Will and Grant. Kinney works full-time as a writer and game designer online. He also created a kid-friendly website Poptropica, known by children all over the world. Poptropica even includes two islands called "Wimpy Wonderland" and "Boardwalk Wimpy", in which the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* characters and events displayed in the universe Poptropica. The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series has 58 million copies in print worldwide in 2010 and developed into a feature film that kinney served as executive producer and, in the case of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid : Rodrick Rules*, as an actor.

In this research the writer has four reasons that make this novel interesting, essential, and challenging to be analyzed. The first reasons this novel deals with ambition reflected by major character, a boy kid tries to get what he wants in his life, and there is opposition desire between *id* and *superego* of the major character, so his *ego* must make the best decision.

Secondly, the major character of this novel is a kid that has many ambitions. Thirdly, the writer will be a teacher later and this project is necessary to be carried out to widen, enlarge, and insert more knowledge to her /his professional competence as teacher. And the last point is to complete the task of Research Method on Literature subject of the writer.

Stimulated by all of fact clarified above, the writer proposes a psychoanalytic approach to study about the major character's ambition using Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytic theory and entitles this research paper: **“AMBITION OF GREG HEFFLEY REFLECTED IN JEFF KINNEY *DIARY OF WIMPY KID 2* NOVEL (2008): A PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACH”**

B. Literature Review

The novel of *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* by Jeff Kinney is an interesting novel. The study on *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* is first being conducted in this thesis due to its latest publication that is released on March 25th, 2008. The writer has researched through internet (GOOGLE) and digital libraries at Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta (UMS) and found none of it. Library of UMS and GOOGLE have reported zero call on the research of *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2*.

C. Problem Statement

The problem statement of the study is as follows:

“How the ambition of Greg Heffley in *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* novel by Jeff Kinney is reflected with Psychoanalytic Approach”.

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer limits the study on the ambition of Greg Heffley in *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* novel based on Psychoanalytic Approach. Psychoanalytic is a term that was fully developed by Professor Sigmund Freud and his pupils, and, etymologically, it means mental analysis. We hear about all kinds of psychoanalysis, but the psychoanalysis that we are going to study is a mental

analysis of normal and abnormal activities by a certain definite method-through the analysis of dreams, psychopathological actions, hallucinations, delusions, and psychic attacks of all kinds which we find in the abnormal.

E. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the study are the following:

1. To analyze the structural elements of the novel.
2. To analyze the ambition of Greg Heffley in Jeff Kinney *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* novel based on Psychoanalytic Approach.

F. Benefit of the Study

The benefits expected from this study are as follow:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The study is projected to give a real contribution and additional information to the reader and it can be used by the next literature researchers who are interested in analyzing this novel, especially by Psychoanalytic Approach.

2. Practical Benefit

This study is expected to enrich the knowledge and experience of the writer and other students at Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or other Universities interested in literary studies.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this study, writer applies qualitative research. The data sources are library and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using psychoanalytic approach. The step to conduct the research are as follows the following:

- a. Determining of the study.
- b. Determining the object of the study.
- c. Determining data and data source.
- d. Determining technique of collecting data, and
- e. Determining of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is a novel entitled “*Diary of Wimpy Kid 2*”. This novel is written by Jeff Kinney, It was first published February 1st 2008 by Amulet Books. It consists of 224 pages.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source:

There are two sources of data in this study namely primary data and secondary data :

- a. Primary Data: the primary data source is the novel *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* , in the form of sentences and dialogue.
- b. Secondary Data : The writer takes the secondary data sources are from many sources such as references, biography of the author, the synopsis of the novel, the approach in relation to the problems and material related to the research whether they are taken from the books or internet.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The techniques of data collection are as follows:

- a. Reading the movie repeatedly.
- b. Taking notes of information part both primary and secondary data.
- c. Arranging the data into several parts based on its theoretical category.
- d. Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis.
- e. Drawing conclusion and formulate its pedagogical

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, The writer applies descriptive qualitative analysis in analyzing the data. The steps taken by the researcher in analyzing the data are as follows: the first is analyzing the data based on its structural elements. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second step is analyzing the data based on psychoanalytic approach. Focus will be paid on the ambition.

H. Paper Organization

The research paper ambition of Greg Heffley in Jeff Kinney *Diary of wimpy kid 2 novel (2008)* : A Psychoanalytical approach as follow: Chapter I is introduction it consists of background of study, previous study, problem statement, objective of the study, limitation of the study, benefits of the study, research method, and research paper organization. Chapter II is underlying theory it elaborates notion of psychoanalytic, principle of psychoanalytic, psychoanalytic in literature, and the main principles of Sigmund Freud's theory and theoretical application. Chapter III is structural analysis of *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* novel. which contains character and characterization, setting, plot, point of view theme, and discussion. Chapter IV is psychoanalytic approach in *Diary of Wimpy Kid 2* novel. Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion. And for the last part is bibliography and appendix.